

and gas from the refineries to consumers in the Midwest and on the East coast.

The legislation I am introducing today would not only provide access to the capital needed by these energy pipeline companies, it would also significantly speed up the creation of 20,000 to 30,000 high paying construction jobs to build these pipelines at precisely the time we need to jump start our economy. In addition, the sooner we build these pipelines, the sooner we will reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy.

The bill I am introducing today would provide PTPs with access to needed capital by simply adding income received by or allocated to a mutual fund by a PTP to the list of income sources that a mutual fund may use to meet the 90 percent test. According to the Joint Committee on Taxation, this change in mutual fund rules which will hasten our energy independence will cost only \$18 M over 5 years and \$49 M over ten years.

In the past, this provision was sponsored by Bill Thomas, now chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and was approved by Congress in 1999 as part of the Taxpayer Refund and Relief Act, later vetoed by the President. I am happy to take up the cause in the 108th Congress, and hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO THE ORNL STAFF
FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND
HARD WORK

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, today marks UT-Battelle's third anniversary as manager of Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) for the Department of Energy. Over the past three years the staff of ORNL has continued its dedication to scientific discovery through research and development in cutting edge areas of science including: neutron science, energy, high per-

formance computing, complex biological systems, advanced materials and national security.

UT-Battelle has been an involved member of the Oak Ridge community. The team provides more than \$1.25 million annually for math and science education, economic development and, other projects in the greater Oak Ridge region. Through unique federal, state and private sector partnerships, UT-Battelle is the leader in efforts to update the laboratory facilities and rebuild ORNL's research campus to continue to support the research work with world class facilities.

For example, ORNL will be the home of the foremost center for neutron science research with the completion of the Spallation Neutron Source and the Center for Nanophase Materials Science. Due for completion this year is the Laboratory for Comparative and Functional Genomics where lab scientists will continue the leading role ORNL has in gene function and disease research. The Joint Institute for Computational Sciences, now under construction, will lead the U.S. into new scientific frontiers in high performance computing research.

The dedication, hard work, and significant investments by the staff at ORNL has been formally recognized by the Department of Energy. This year, for the first time, the lab was awarded the highest rating possible under the lab management evaluation procedure. The "Outstanding" rating for lab management captures the history of scientific research and development excellence at ORNL.

The recent successes rest upon the decades of accomplishments that preceded UT-Battelle's involvement at ORNL. The long ORNL history of serving the nation with the highest standards of scientific achievement bode well for a future that is even brighter than our past. UT-Battelle is proud of its involvement with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and looks forward to serving the nation and its citizens with more exciting scientific developments brought to you by ORNL under the management of UT-Battelle.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUNSET RESTAURANT

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Sunset Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia, SC. This small business has become a living legend of fine food and a valued social center for the Midlands of South Carolina.

The stalwarts of this spirited enterprise are the owner Betty Jackson and the manager Gladys Crews, who since opening day have enthusiastically welcomed and served the public with quality country cooking including the specialty of catfish stew. At breakfast and lunchtime the 250 seats of the restaurant are filled with a cross-section of citizens ranging from U.S. District Judges to work crews on their way to the building site.

Well-known as a people's place, political candidates of all parties have made a sausage biscuit breakfast or an open-seated luncheon a "must stop." In June 1999, Texas Governor George W. Bush launched his successful effort to carry the South Carolina primary at the Sunset and in November 2002 the Sunset hosted the final public reception for U.S. Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM and Gov. Mark Sanford. Other memorable events for South Carolina officials with some broadcast live by television and radio, were held for Congressman Ed Young, Congressman Floyd Spence, Lt. Governor Bob Peeler, Attorney General Charlie Condon, Gov. Jim Edwards, Gov. Carroll Campbell, and Gov. David Beasley.

The Sunset Restaurant is a testimonial to the significance of small business as the backbone and foundation of the American free enterprise system built upon the philosophy of hard work and high integrity, promoted by limited government.